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1. DEC 30-JAN 7 SUDAN VISIT OF SUPEREME SOVIET DELEGATION
LED BY DEPUTY CHAIRMAN NIYAZBEKOV RECEIVED POLITE PUBLICITY
HERE BUT EXCITED LITTLE INTEREST. A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
NOISE MADE ABOUT TIES BETWEEN SUNN#ND PEOPLES'S ASSEMBLY.

MOST EYECATCHING PIECE OF NEWS WAS NIYAZBEKOV'S MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, WHEN FORMER REPORTEDLY PRAISED
THE PROMINENT ROLE OF THE SUDAN WITH RESPECT TO MIDDLE EAST
AND ANGOLAN ISSUES.

2. COMMENT: SUDAN HAD OF COURSE RECOGNIZED MPLA AT TIME,
AND NIYAZBEKOV'S REMARK MAY BE SEEN AS A PAT ON THE BACK FOR
WHAT SOME ASSUME TO HAVE BEEN SOVIET-INSPIRED DECISION IN
THE FIRST PLACE (SEE KHARTOUM 0021 AND 0116). SOVIET PRAISE FOR
SUDANESE ME STANCE PUZZLING, HOWEVER, SINCE NIMEIRI HAS BEEN
ONLY VOCIFEROUS ARAB SUPPORTER OF SADAT AND SINAI II.
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